Convocation Day

Oregon Health & Science University
Sunday, June 5th, 2022

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**Introduction**

**OHSU’s Convocation** for 2022 will be held at the **Oregon Convention Center**, in Portland on **Sunday, June 5th**, at 1:00 p.m. The Oregon Convention Center is located at 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97232.

This guide outlines the requirements for participation in Convocation and the school hooding ceremonies and will serve as a guide for you and your family on the day of the events. Please read it carefully and keep it handy until the ceremony. Information about caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels can be found in the Regalia Guide for Graduates.

We look forward to your participation in the ceremony, which is an important celebration and time for reflection. If you have questions about Convocation, see page 6 for your School/Department contacts.

**Convocation Checklist**

___ Apply to graduate in Student Self-Service by Friday, April 22:  
https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-self-service

___ Order your cap, gown and hood (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2022)

___ Order graduation announcements (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2022)

___ Pick up your cap, gown and hood (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2022)

**Convocation**

Oregon Health & Science University’s Convocation is a celebratory occasion honoring students as they culminate their academic experience at OHSU. Convocation will include faculty and administrators from all schools and will bring together members of the OHSU community for the institutional conferring of degrees.

**Oregon Convention Center – Exhibit Hall C at 1:00 p.m. (Doors open at 12:15 p.m.)**
12:00 p.m. - Students will robe and line up in Exhibit Hall D 12:00 p.m. - Faculty will robe and line up in Rooms C120-122

Immediately following Convocation, the schools will host their hooding (and pinning) ceremonies celebrating the distinctiveness of their academic disciplines. You will find information about each of the 2022 Hooding & Pinning ceremonies below.

For further information, follow the links below or contact your School/Department Contacts (p. 6).
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School of Public Health: [https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduation-ceremonies-2022/](https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduation-ceremonies-2022/)
OSU/OHSU School of Pharmacy: [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/graduation](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/graduation)

**OSU/OHSU College of Pharmacy**
Pharmacy students will attend graduation and hooding on the Oregon State University campus on Friday, June 10, 2022. Pharmacy students are encouraged to also attend the OHSU/OSU Convocation ceremony as part of the collective OHSU colleges and programs. Please order your gowns and hoods from the OSU College of Pharmacy website and plan to bring your regalia with you to the Convention Center for OHSU’s Convocation.
Convocation Participation Policy

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You are welcome and invited to participate in the 2022 Convocation if you meet one of the following conditions:

1. Your degree or certificate was awarded in Summer 2021 (August or September), Fall 2021 (December), or Winter 2022 (March).

2. You will complete your degree or certificate requirements in Spring 2022 (June), have filed an Application for Graduation by the deadline (April 22, 2022), and have taken all school-specific steps for degree completion (dissertation defense scheduling, exam scheduling, etc.) by the graduation application deadline (April 22, 2022).

3. You will complete your degree or certificate requirements in Summer 2022 (August or September).

4. You are enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Science, Emergency Medical Services Management, Paramedic Education, or Doctor of Pharmacy program, will complete your degree or certificate requirements by September 30, 2022, and have filed a graduation application (if required) with the partner school by the appropriate deadline.

Hooding Participation Policy
Participation in the Hooding ceremonies is subject to school- and program-specific policies. Please contact your program for information.

Diplomas
Diplomas are mailed to students 6-8 weeks after the end of the term. Students receive diploma covers during the hooding/pinning ceremonies. Only students attending the ceremonies will receive diploma covers. The OHSU Campus Store (503-494-7708) stocks customized OHSU frames for OHSU diplomas. Please bear in mind that only an official transcript can confirm your degree or certificate. Official transcripts will not be released until degree requirements are met and all academic and financial obligations to OHSU are satisfied.

Convocation Ceremony Instructions
No rehearsal will be held. Graduates are requested to follow the directions of their school faculty marshals before, during, and after the ceremony.

Robing and line-up for students and faculty begins at noon. Early admittance into Exhibit Hall C will not be permitted. Doors to Exhibit Hall C will open at 12:15 p.m., and families and guests will be allowed in the venue at that time.

Please leave purses, coats and other valuables with family and friends before you enter the building, as there will be no secured area in which to leave them during the ceremony; anything left in the robing room where students line up will be removed prior
to the end of the ceremony.

Watch for volunteers and signage indicating where your group will assemble for the Convocation and Hooding processions.

Please note that participating in the ceremony processional requires standing, walking and climbing and descending stairs. If you have any special needs please speak with your convocation coordinator listed on page 6 to make necessary arrangements.

Stroller parking will be available in all halls during the ceremonies.

The Oregon Convention Center has two nursing mothers’ pods called Mamava available to students and guests. One is located in Pre-function Lobby A space near A103 and the other is in Pre-function Lobby E near the E Meeting rooms. The code to access these is 8008, or you can use the Mamava app.

The Oregon Convention Center is a non-smoking/vaping public facility. Alcoholic beverages, balloons, hazardous substances, pressurized cans, and explosive devices are strictly forbidden. Schools will be charged for any additional cleaning costs incurred during the ceremony.

The academic cap is worn level at all times. The tassel should hang on the right of the cap at entrance into the Exhibit Hall until President Jacobs has conferred the degrees. At that point, the tassel may be switched to hang from the left side.

It is expected that graduates’ behavior throughout the ceremonies will exemplify the professional standards of their calling.

For directions to Oregon Convention Center and parking information go to: www.oregoncc.org/DirecctionsAndParking/

Visitor Accommodations
For information on lodging and dining:
Travel Portland, travelporland.com/

Many hotels offer rates for OHSU bookings. Please be sure to inquire when booking your accommodations.
School/Department Contacts

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Convocation/Hooding Ceremony FAQ’S

- **Will there be vaccine and masking requirements?**
  OHSU policy is that all guests of OHSU Sponsored events are required to be fully vaccinated or receive a negative PCR test within 48 hours before the events. You and/or your guests will be required to attest that they are in compliance of this policy. OHSU will make any other decisions based on OHA recommendations, science and the health and safety of all.

- **Do we have a contingency plan in place in the case that COVID numbers are increasing or a new variant is active at the time of the events?**
  If conditions change, the decision to hold in-person Convocation may be revised to match the circumstances. If the COVID situation is unsafe, with growing case numbers, hospitalizations and mortalities, we will revert to virtual ceremonies such as we have celebrated in the last two years. Any changes will be communicated widely and we will announce more as we know more.

- **Where do I leave my phone, pager, purse, coat, backpack, umbrella, camera case, or other valuables?**
  These items ***MUST*** be left with family and/or friends before you enter the building and robing/staging area, as there will be no secure area in which to keep them during the ceremony. Anything left in the staging area will be removed prior to the end of the ceremony and OHSU cannot be responsible for the items. Cell phones/pagers should be turned off or set to silent/vibrate during the ceremony.

- **Where do we park?**
  Parking garages are located below the Convention Center for a fee. There are also surface lots and street parking as well as many public transportation options.

- **Can family/friends come to the robing/staging area and take pictures?**
  No. The robing/staging area is for students and participating faculty only.

- **When will the SoD Hooding Ceremony begin?**
  The Convocation Ceremony begins at 1 p.m. and we anticipate it lasting 1-1.5 hours. Once participants are lined up for Hooding, the Ceremony will **tentatively** begin at 3 p.m.

- **May my baby/child sit with me during the ceremony?**
  No, we are unable to allow babies and children in the processional. Please make arrangements with family or friends to tend to your baby/child.

- **What about children as guests?**
  Young or small children may have difficulties with the length of the ceremony. Please do not allow children to play in the aisles. If the child(ren) becomes fussy, please adjourn to the outer lobby so as not to disturb the ceremony.

- **What do I do with my hood?**
  The hood will be carried into Convocation on your right arm and will remain there for the duration of the ceremony. You will then carry it into the Hooding ceremony and hand it to the faculty member/mentor at the hooding station as you cross the stage.

- **What do I do with my regalia after the ceremony?**
  The regalia will be yours to keep.

- **What should I expect at the reception?**
  Tentatively there will be a light hosted reception following the Hooding ceremony for graduates and their families, planned for 4:30 p.m.
What about tickets for my family/friends? No tickets are necessary.

When should my family/friends arrive? The doors to Convocation will open at 12:15 p.m. for immediate seating. Early admittance is not available.

Aisles: Please keep all aisle ways clear at all times. No baby carries, strollers, children or seating is allowed in these areas for safety reasons. Aisles are used during the ceremony by students, staff, and faculty. If you have guests with special needs, please let the Student Affairs team know.

If you have further questions about the OHSU Convocation & SOD Hooding Ceremony, please contact Jenna Wilkinson, wilkinje@ohsu.edu or Polina Pozdina, pozdinap@ohsu.edu.